



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Wednesday, May 20, 2020**



**Riva Row Boat House Adds Water Bikes to Rental Options**

The Woodlands Township will begin offering water bikes as a new and exciting rental option at Riva Row Boat House on Thursday, May 21, 2020. Water bikes are being added to the many rental options already available at Riva Row, including single and tandem (or double) kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and swan pedal boats. “We are happy to announce this new addition of water bikes to the Riva Row Boat House – especially now that we are entering Phase Two of the governor’s orders of Opening Up Texas,” stated Township Chairman Gordy Bunch. “We look forward to our residents coming out and enjoying one of more attractive features (The Woodlands Waterway) and enjoying the outdoors in The Woodlands.”

These fun additions to The Woodlands Waterway will be positioned in the lower level of the waterway along with kayaks and paddleboards, and riders will be able to explore the area from Riva Row Park all the way out to the edge of Lake Woodlands, passing the Grogan’s Mill Bridge and East Shore, and discovering Mitchell Island on the way. [Read more](#) about water bikes at the Riva Row Boat House.



[Watch a video](#) as The Woodlands Township Chairman of the Board, Gordy Bunch, introduces the new amenity at Riva Row Boat House.

For ongoing updates regarding re-openings in The Woodlands, please visit <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1495/Re-opening-of-The-Woodlands>.

### **Board of Directors to Hold Meetings this Week via Videoconference**

The Woodlands Township Board of Directors will hold a Budget Planning Session Meeting via videoconference on Thursday, May 21, 2020, with a scheduled time to begin at 4 p.m. Central Daylight Time. The meeting can be viewed online at <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/778/Meeting-Videos>.



The Woodlands Township Board of Directors will also hold a Regular Board Meeting via videoconference on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at 6 p.m. During the May 21, 2020, videoconference Board meetings, members of the public may provide public comment by calling 346-248-7799 or 888-788-0099 (toll-free), then enter ID 827 1846 7057 #. The meeting can be viewed online at <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/778/Meeting-Videos>.



### **Community Gardens Open with Some Limitations**

As part of the re-opening of amenities and recreation facilities in The Woodlands, community gardens have re-opened. Please note the limitations at each garden and also keep in mind best practices when going out in public, such as social distancing a minimum of 6 feet from those who are not part of your household, washing your hands often and using hand sanitizer, avoiding touching your face and wearing a face covering if possible.

- Community Garden at Alden Bridge; with modified and enhanced access
- Community Garden at Bear Branch; with parking restrictions
- Community Garden at Wendtwoods Park (pictured)

For a list of open and closed facilities in The Woodlands Township, please visit <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1495/Re-opening-of-The-Woodlands>.

## State News

PHASE 2 OPENINGS		
MAY 18TH OPENINGS	MAY 22ND OPENINGS	MAY 31ST OPENINGS
CHILD CARE CENTERS	RODEOS	DAY YOUTH CAMPS
MASSAGE & PERSONAL CARE	EQUESTRIAN EVENTS	OVERNIGHT YOUTH CAMPS
YOUTH CLUBS	BOWLING ALLEYS	YOUTH SPORTS
	BINGO HALLS	PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENTS <small>"WITHOUT IN-PERSON SPECTATORS"</small>
	SKATING RINKS	
	BARS	
	RESTAURANTS TO 50%	
	AQUARIUMS	
	NATURAL CAVERNS	

### Governor Abbott's Executive Order May 18, 2020

- [Read the full Order](#) for Phase Two Openings and more.

## County News

### COVID-19 Testing Sites

View Montgomery County Public Health's [May 19, 2020 press release](#) for more information on the following testing sites:

- Kroger has announced another testing site from May 31 through June 2, 2020 from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. at 22296 Market Place Dr. New Caney, Texas 77357.
- Three COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites are now open in Montgomery County at select Walmart locations. The sites are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays weekly from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., weather permitting.

View Montgomery County Public Health's [May 18, 2020 press release](#) for more information on the testing voucher program.

### Hotlines for health questions and COVID-19

Montgomery County: 936-523-5040

Harris County: 713-634-1110

Statewide Mental Health Support Line: 833-986-1919

### Free Self-Screening Tool for COVID-19

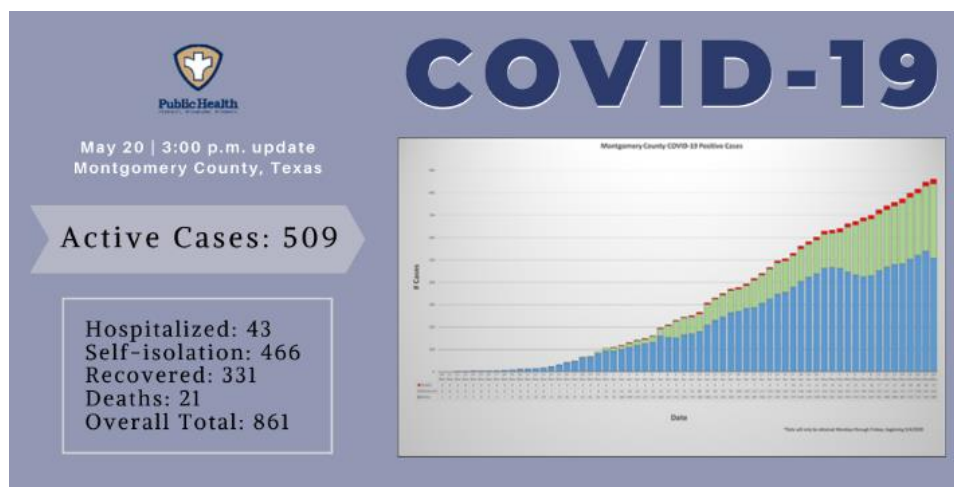
Visit the self-screening tool on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

### Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count

There have been three additional deaths related to COVID-19. A woman in her 60s from Conroe, a man in his 80s from Conroe, and a woman in her 80s from Kingwood have passed away. They were all previously hospitalized. We offer our deepest condolences to the families at this difficult time.

The number of ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 has decreased to 509 today. That number includes 43 hospitalizations. 331 people have fully recovered. The number of total positive cases has increased 13 since yesterday to 861.

Reporting results have merged and are only reported on the following dashboard, located here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.



### Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) publishes their daily case count, combined with the City of Houston's daily case count, here: <https://harriscounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/c0de71f8ea484b85bb5efcb7c07c6914>. Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found by clicking on [areas of the map](#).

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389 and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 76 cases and 77389 has 49 cases.

## National News

### Coronavirus Testing Basics

There are two different types of tests – diagnostic tests and antibody tests. A diagnostic test can show if you have an active coronavirus infection and should take steps to quarantine or isolate yourself from others. An antibody test looks for antibodies that are made by the

immune system in response to a threat, such as a specific virus. [Learn more](#) about the different types of tests and the steps involved.

## ***Township News***

### **Commute with Confidence: A Special Edition Brown Bag Webinar**

The Township will be participating in a webinar on May 21, 2020, hosted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council about the status of commuter transportation in the region, sharing what area transportation providers are doing to make the journey safer and what commuters can do to help keep them-selves safe in their plan for a return to work. View the [flyer](#) for more information and the registration link.



### **#TownshipTogether**

Send us your photos! The Woodlands Township is calling on residents to share images of inspiration within the community. These can be a photo of something seen in the neighborhood, a family project or anything with a positive message. These will be shared through the Township email updates, social media channels and on [The Woodlands Township website](#). Send your photos to [TownshipTogether@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov](mailto:TownshipTogether@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov).

### **Thinking About a Home Improvement?**

Applications for improvements are being reviewed and acted on by Township Covenant Administration staff. Applications can be mailed or submitted online. Please visit [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covenants](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covenants) for additional information. Applications can be submitted online to: [covad@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov](mailto:covad@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov)



### **Did You Know?**

The top speed of a mosquito is around 2 miles per hour. Having an oscillating floor fan on your patio can create a gentle breeze of about 10 miles per hour, overpowering the very weak-flying mosquito. More tips on mosquito-proofing your yard and patio can be found [here](#).



## ***Around the Township***



### **Celebrate, Honor, Remember: Memorial Day 2020**

Memorial Day pays tribute to all military service men and women who lost their lives while serving the United States. The Township gives thanks to all who have served and encourages everyone to celebrate safely. The traditional *Memorial Day in The Woodlands* event will not be held due to social distancing, limited number of gatherings and more due to COVID-19. Please remember that fireworks of any kind, including sparklers, are not permitted in The Woodlands.



### **Open Stores at Market Street**

Several retailers at Market Street are currently open with more opening in the coming weeks. Market Street management notes that individual retailers may require a mask and additional safety requirements upon entry, so customers are encouraged to call ahead to verify hours and guidelines. Visit their website for the list of currently open stores, phone numbers and Market Street's safety guidelines as it relates to common areas.



### **Open Stores in The Woodlands Mall**

The Woodlands Mall reopened on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. The mall will be open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Visit their website for the list of [currently open stores](#), [safety measures](#) and [curbside pickup options](#).



### **The Woodlands Farmer's Market**

The Woodlands Farmer's Market is currently closed, but is re-opening May 23, 2020, this weekend! Customers are encouraged to check the [website](#), [Facebook page](#) or newsletter for definite details including phases in which the market will open, participating vendors, and best practices for visitors.



### **Open Hotels in The Woodlands**

Many of The Woodlands hotel properties are open and ready to welcome you to their location. The Woodlands Resort re-opened today on May 20, 2020 and will be open everyday, including Memorial Day. Find all the details on the Resort's [website](#). Below is a list of all open hotels in The Woodlands at this time. Be sure to stay up to date by viewing [Visit The Woodlands](#).

- [Best Western Plus](#)
- [Candlewood Suites](#)
- [Drury Inn The Woodlands](#)
- [Hilton Garden Inn](#)
- [Hyatt Place](#)
- [Residence Inn Lakefront Drive](#)
- [Residence Inn Market Street](#)

## Community Resources

Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the link below to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19: <http://thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1491/Community-Resources>.



### **YMCA: Early and Preschool Care, Day Camp and Safe Practices**

***As of June 1, 2020, YMCA Will Transition from Operating as an Essential Personnel Child Care Site to Early and PreSchool Care for All, Ages 1 – 5.*** Located at 6145 Shadowbend Place, The Y is providing a full day of programming, snacks and meals. The program runs Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and features games, arts and crafts, STEAM and literacy activities. [Register online.](#) Financial assistance is available.

***Re-Imagine your Summer at YMCA Day Camp:*** The Y Summer Day Camp Teams are preparing for a safe and fantastic summer experience for kids, ages 6 – 11. While camp will look different from summers past, parents will still be able to count on the same safe, high quality, fun-filled program that they expect from the YMCA. Located at the Shadowbend Y, 6145 Shadowbend Place, the first day of camp is June 1, 2020. Care is provided 7 a.m. through 6:30 p.m. [Visit their website](#) for more information. Financial assistance is available.

**Safe Practices for Child Care During the Coronavirus Outbreak:** The YMCA is adhering to strict social distancing guidelines to keep staff and children safe. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### **Township's Coronavirus page**

The Woodlands Township's special COVID-19 information page can be found at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19). This page features Montgomery and Harris county Hubs, community resources and updated COVID-19 news from the Federal Government and the CDC. This page also includes the latest news from The Township, updates from partner agencies, social distancing strategies, important links, frequently asked questions, live Twitter feeds and more.



**Stay Connected**

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed).

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*The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding the COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme).*